

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

RODNEY JEROME WALLER, §
#48189-177, §
Petitioner, §
§
v. § **CIVIL NO. 3:15-CV-3816-M-BK**
§ **(3:14-CR-0010-M-(01))**
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, §
Respondent. §

**FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION
OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Pursuant to [28 U.S.C. § 636\(b\)](#) and *Special Order 3*, Petitioner's *pro se* motion for extension of time to file a motion to vacate, set aside, or correct sentence under [28 U.S.C. § 2255](#) was automatically referred to the United States Magistrate Judge. [Doc. 1](#). For the reasons that follow, it is recommended that the motion for extension of time be dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

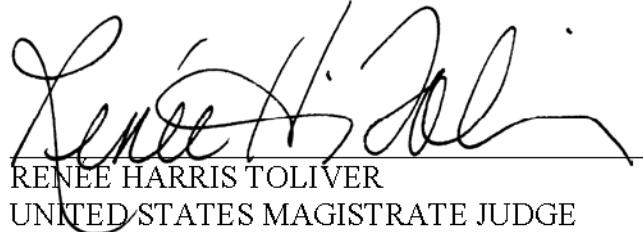
On December 11, 2014, the Court sentenced Petitioner to 188 months' imprisonment for being a felon in possession of a firearm and for possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance. Petitioner did not appeal. He now requests an extension of at least seven days to complete the brief in support of his section 2255 motion. [Doc. 1 at 1](#). However, his motion for extension is not accompanied by a [section 2255](#) motion.

Federal courts lack jurisdiction to consider the timeliness of a [section 2255](#) motion until it is actually filed. *See United States v. McFarland*, 125 F. App'x 573, 574 (5th Cir. Apr. 6, 2005) (quoted case omitted) (*per curiam*) ("Before the [2255] petition itself is actually filed, 'there is no case or controversy to be heard, and any opinion we were to render on the timeliness would be merely advisory.'"). Thus, until Petitioner files a [section 2255](#) motion, there is neither an

adverse party before the Court nor a concrete dispute for the Court to decide. *See, e.g., United States v. Bautista, 548 F. App'x 254 (5th Cir. 2013)* (per curiam) (affirming denial of motion for extension of time to file a section 2255 motion because the district court lacked jurisdiction to entertain the motion for extension of time).¹

For the foregoing reasons, it is recommended that Petitioner's request for extension of time to file a **section 2255** motion be **DISMISSED** *sua sponte* for want of jurisdiction.

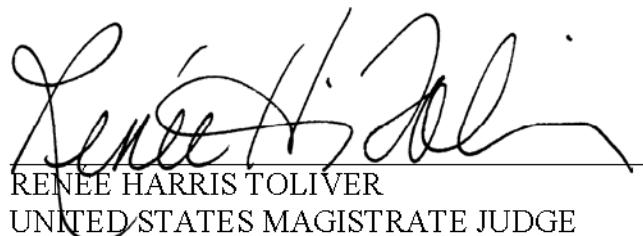
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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SERVICE AND
NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL/OBJECT**

A copy of this report and recommendation will be served on all parties in the manner provided by law. Any party who objects to any part of this report and recommendation must file specific written objections within 14 days after being served with a copy. *See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b)*. In order to be specific, an objection must identify the specific finding or recommendation to which objection is made, state the basis for the objection, and specify the place in the magistrate judge's report and recommendation where the disputed determination is found. An objection that merely incorporates by reference or refers to the briefing before the magistrate judge is not specific. Failure to file specific written objections will bar the aggrieved party from appealing the factual findings and legal conclusions of the magistrate judge that are accepted or adopted by the district court, except upon grounds of plain error. *See Douglass v. United Services Automobile Ass'n, 79 F.3d 1415, 1417 (5th Cir. 1996)*.



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¹ Neither the 2255 Rules nor the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure contemplate the filing of a motion for extension of time to file a federal habeas petition. Furthermore, section 2255 does not authorize federal courts to prospectively extend, stop or toll the one-year statute of limitations. *See 28 U.S.C. § 2255(f)*.